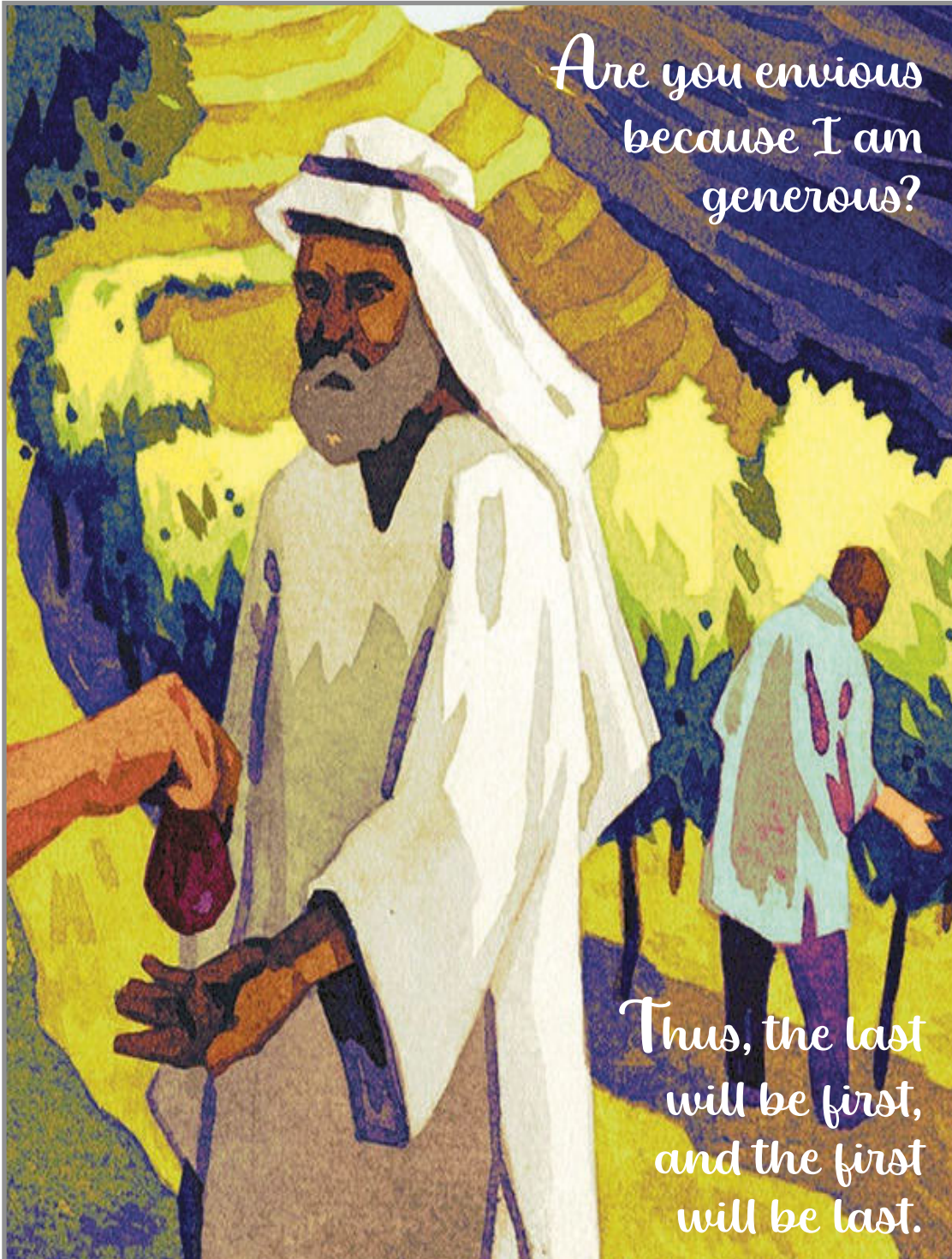




HOLY SPIRIT FREMONT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Are you envious
because I am
generous?*

*Thus, the last
will be first,
and the first
will be last.*

WELCOME

With joy we welcome all who have gathered here with us to worship God.

“How good to sing praise to our God; how pleasant to give fitting praise.” (Psalm 147:1)

Let us lift up our minds, hearts, and spirits to our loving and merciful God, from whom all good things come.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday: 7:00* & 8:15 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:15 am
9:00 am* | 10:45 am*
12:30 pm | 5:00 pm

Weekday

Mon.-Fri.: 7:00* & 8:15 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm
First Friday: 6:30 pm

*Masses are livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

BE SPIRIT FILLED AND MAKE DISCIPLES!



WORSHIP

OUR VISION

Be a flourishing community of intentional disciples shining as beacons of Christ.

Confession

Saturday: 3:30 pm
Thursday before First Friday:
3:30 pm (except if it falls on Holy Thursday)
Weekdays: call for an appt.

Eucharistic Adoration

Visit the Adoration Chapel in the Governo House.
Hours: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm daily

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday at 12:00 pm (except if it falls on January 1 and Holy Saturday). All seniors and those who are seriously ill or anticipating surgery are invited to attend.
Next Mass: October 7, 2023

Sacraments

For Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Adult Sacraments, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick or Funeral, contact us at 510.797.1660 or holyspiritfremont.org

First Friday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 pm immediately followed by Mass. There is no Mass on Good Friday.
Next Mass: October 6, 2023

Mass Intentions

To request a Mass, contact us at info@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.797.1660

New to Holy Spirit?

Welcome! To register, contact us at info@holyspiritfremont.org or go to holyspiritfremont.org/join-our-community

Interested in Catholicism?

To learn about the Catholic faith, please call 510.456.4975

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)	† Demetria Domingo, † Cecilio Salvatiera
7:15 am	Mary Rogers, Marie-Anne Boccovi, † Charlie Skidmore, † Bernadette Keh
9:00 am	† Ememorita Gonzales, † Betty Mock, † Ruben Real, † Daryll Boito
10:45 am	Asis Family, Reduque Family members, † Christopher Joseph Discenna, † Candido Ruelas
12:30 pm	† Rose Evans, † Salvador Vera, † Cecilla Orella, † May Fejeran, † Leon & Raymunda Ibarra
5:00 pm	For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | MONDAY OF THE 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

7:00 am	† Socorro Sales, † Daryll Boito, † May Fejeran
8:15 am	Therese Grande Family, † Lydia C. Bernardo, † Midjo Sutamo Kwee, † Dn Bill Drobick

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | TUESDAY OF THE 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

7:00 am	Josefina De Torres, † Lucy Kinnaird, † Daryll Boito
8:15 am	Josefina De Torres, Katherine Zowin Family, † Hilaria Miranda

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

7:00 am	Anton de Jesus, † Anna Jose Bondoc
8:15 am	† Romeo Monteroso, † Daryll Boito, † May Fejeran
6:30 pm	Patrick Aguirre, Graciela O. Montes, Tammy Ha

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | THURSDAY OF THE 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

7:00 am	Graciela O. Montes, † Andy Chan, † Vincenza Aguila
8:15 am	Justiniano Regidor, † Daryll Boito, † May Fejeran

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

7:00 am	Jocelyn Saenz, Batecan Family, † Grace Tam
8:15 am	Rosalinda B. Delmundo, † Millie A. Engalla, † Daryll Boito

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

7:00 am	Art & Tess Santos, † Aida Saragoza, † Norma Ball
8:15 am	† Encelina Laylo Calo, † Daryll Boito, † May Fejeran

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.



FROM THE DESK OF FR. EDDIE...

My beloved parishioners,

You and I are blessed for we have a God who is amazingly generous. Yet oftentimes we become jealous and envious individuals. We complain, “Why does God permit others to prosper and others to suffer?” In this life, we may wonder also about how God distributes His gifts and graces among us. It may seem unfair that some people are more fortunate than we are – better looking, more intelligent, have bigger homes or better cars, etc.

In the parable, the laborers who worked twelve, nine and six hours complained that they did not receive more wages than those who worked just one hour. But were they really cheated and treated unfairly by the landowner? Before we forget, all the workers agreed to be paid a certain wage and received the same amount, and so the employer was truly fair and just. The complaint was born out of jealousy when some workers compared themselves with others. Becoming envious does not only hinder us from acknowledging that we have a generous God, but it also leads us to become unfair and blind in treating others.

How God bestows His graces and gifts is entirely up to Him. God’s generosity is far beyond our calculation and understanding. Indeed, His ways are not our ways. The gift of salvation is given to us equally though we do not deserve it. God’s saving love is the same for everyone; He gives it generously as a free gift and not based on justice. The parable teaches us that we all have one Father and that each of us can come to His kingdom whenever we are called. It does not matter when we respond to His invitation for our Father in heaven invites

whomever He pleases, whenever He pleases. At the heart of the parable is the truth that God pours out His gift of salvation to all of us out of His love and mercy.

The parable on this Sunday is not scandalous and not a parable about economics, labor laws, and social justice. Rather, we are invited to see who and what God is like. God is not being fair or unfair, for He is our Father who will exercise His goodness and generosity beyond mere justice and give more than we His children deserve without violating anybody’s dues. If strictly by justice, then we do not deserve anything from God for we are unworthy sinners before Him. If God treats us with justice, what will happen to us? But God graciously forgives and loves us, and He showers us with all the gifts and graces in this life.

Our concern should not be on how many gifts and graces we have received or how much more others have than we do. Rather, we must focus on how to use what we have in loving service to others. Let us rejoice that we have a God that is unfair because He deals with each one of us not with strict justice but with generosity and compassion. God is that employer and Father who neither confronts us with the hour of the day that we begin our work nor the list of our sinful mistakes. Instead, in His mercy, He welcomes us to be with Him at any hour of the day and embraces us with His open arms filled with love.

“Are you envious because I am generous?” In our dealings with each other, let us proclaim the generosity of God beyond justice that we may all immerse ourselves in His infinite mercy.

I have you all in my prayers. God bless everyone.

- Father Eddie Castanas



SERVE

St. Joseph the Worker: Sister Parish Dispatch

Meet Elizabeth Laurent!



She is an adult student attending the Mwanza Rural Development program and is in her second year.

Continued prayers, Elizabeth!

Parish Blood Drive Sunday, October 15, 2023 8:00 to 11:45 am

Mark your calendar for our upcoming PARISH BLOOD DRIVE! Please take the time out of your busy week to help save a life.

Only 5% of the population donates blood and there is no substitute for human blood. By the time you have finished reading this notice, someone has needed a blood transfusion.

Won't you please make an appointment to help? Appointments are available at donors.vitalant.org or contact Kendee at kendeehs@yahoo.com to make an appointment. Thank you for your support!

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are in need of new Eucharistic Ministers for the 5:00 pm Mass on Sundays.

If interested in joining this ministry, please contact Dee.francisco3@yahoo.com

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry



Heading to the store this week? Consider picking up a few items for our SVdP food pantry. Here's this week's grocery wish list:

- ⇒ Canned Green Beans
- ⇒ Jelly / Jam
- ⇒ Peanut Butter—16 oz.

Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the Parish Office during regular business hours or Governo House on Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 am only. **Do not leave donations outside.** Please note: We do not accept perishable, fresh foods (e.g., meats, produce, dairy, etc.). All food donations must be in factory sealed packages and/or containers. **PLEASE, NO EXPIRED FOOD.** Thank you for your support! For information or assistance: 510.797.3672

Second Collection: Priest Retirement Fund September 23-24, 2023

Although responsibilities as a pastor may go away, the retired priests of the diocese continue to serve the people of God. Those who are able are serving wherever they are called. Those who are less able are serving in place.

It is quite possible it might be a "retired" priest celebrating Mass.

Their readiness to serve has been witnessed time and again in the Diocese of Oakland this past year.

Proceeds of this weekend's second collection will go towards the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund.

Supporting the collection is a way to thank retired priests in the Oakland Diocese and honor them for their service.

Please give generously.

Giving

Sunday, September 10	\$43,345
Mauai Relief	\$7,680

Corner

Special Collection coming up:

The Catholic Voice/Diocesan Communications | October 8

Our pledged weekly amount (excluding special collections):
\$31,963

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Please visit our parish website at <https://holyspiritfremont.org/give/> to enroll in Online Giving or Text-to-Give. For assistance with registration, please contact OSV at 800.348.2886 or our parish helpline at 510.456.4969.



Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz

Novena | Sept. 19-27, 2023

Join us in praying the Novena and Rosary after the 7:00 am daily Masses and Sunday 7:15 am Mass.

Mass | Sun., Sept. 24, 2023
(correction)

Join us at the 12:30 pm Mass as we celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz.

Sponsored by the Holy Spirit Filipino Society.

Our Lady of Fatima Mass & International Rosary October 13, 2023 | 6:30 pm

Join us for Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

Bring your images of our Blessed Mother to be blessed.

Immediately after Mass, join us as we pray the International Rosary.

If you would like to participate in the Rosary and recite the Hail Mary in your native language, please contact: Marina, 510.207.6395 or Bella, 510.791.6121

Feast of St. Faustina Kowalska

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena
Sept. 26-Oct. 4, 2023 | 3:00 pm

In anticipation of St. Faustina's feast day, we invite the faithful to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena with us:

- Monday-Friday in the church
- Saturday and Sunday in the Adoration Chapel

Oct. 4: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00 pm in the church followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena

Adoration & Mass | Oct. 5, 2023

5:30 pm: Spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

6:30 pm: Join us for Mass as we celebrate the Feast of St. Faustina. We invite you to bring Divine Mercy and St. Faustina images to be blessed.

Food will be provided in St. Francis Plaza immediately after Mass.

Please contact Alice Gonzales, 510.378.5449 or Jennie Visitacion, 650.219.6417, if you would like to join the Divine Mercy Ministry. We meet every Monday on Zoom at 6:00 pm.



Please note: Our prayer list is refreshed every week. Feel free to contact us to include your loved one. Go to <https://holyspiritfremont.org/request-a-prayer/> or call the Parish Office at 510.797.1660

Pray for Our Sick

Ian Glover, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Junaid Safi, Charlie Glover

Pray for Our Recently Departed

Simon Yin, Alberto Baltodano, Esperanza Alcantar, Phillip Marron, Tracy Ann Laigo, Rose Carrisosa, Jonel Villanueva Reyes, Tomas Garcia, Samuel Aguirre

Birthday Blessings

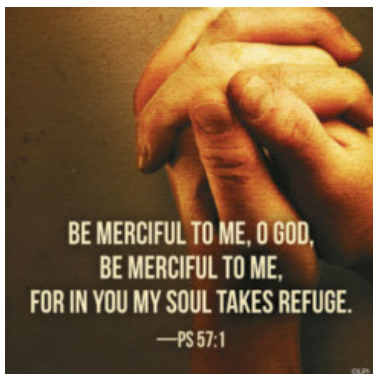
Abbey Boyle, Paul Orella

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Tues. & Thurs.
8:45-9:30 am

Spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. God invites all of us to offer our joys and sorrows to Him.

Is there something holding you back from accepting His love? Our merciful God invites us to reconcile with Him in the Sacrament of Confession.



That there may be more equitable distribution of the world's food supply, we pray to the Lord...



INVITE

Cub Scouts Popcorn Sale

October 1, 2023

Our Cub Scouts Pack 154 is selling their famous popcorn after the Sunday morning and 12:30 pm Masses. Choose from a variety of flavors—while supplies last! See us in St. Francis Plaza.

Paint and Wine

Sunday, October 8, 2023 | 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Join us in the de Sousa House for an afternoon of painting and fellowship.

\$20/Adult—refreshments and materials included. You must be 21+ yrs. old to participate.

Proceeds benefit our seminarians in the Oakland Diocese. Funds raised will go towards their educational expenses at St. Patrick's Seminary & University.

RSVP by September 29. Contact our Parish Office at info@holyspiritfremont.org or 510.797.1660.

Catholic Homeschooling Community

Catholic families homeschooling in Fremont or nearby areas, seeking faith-filled community for yourself and your children: Let's come together to support one another on this home-educating journey.

To join us for park playdates, feast day celebrations, and to help build the faithful community that we are forming, email Katie Froula at seatofwisdom77@gmail.com

Grief Support

Sundays | 2:30 pm | Fireside Lounge

Are you dealing with the death or illness of a loved one, a divorce, the loss of a job or other life-changing loss? Sharing your story with others may speed healing and lighten the burden of loss. Your story is uniquely yours but pain is universal.

9/24/23: Anger & Regrets

10/1/23: Consolation

10/8/23: Maturing Grief

10/15/23: Sharing Memories

10/22/23: Ritual and Healing

10/29/23: Memorial Service

11/12/23: Coping with the Holidays

Information shared during the meetings is strictly confidential. For more details, please contact Helen Campbell at 510.795.7958.

Flower Fund

We are accepting donations towards floral arrangements for our church sanctuary.

For information or special requests such as dates, colors, or events (e.g., anniversary, birthday, memorial, etc.), please text Judy Young at 510.378.1933.

We thank the following donors:

- **Sept. 17** ... Allan & Jennie Visitacion (wedding anniversary), Alden Visitacion
- **Sept. 24** ... Thanksgiving for Asis Grandchildren



Jaileen

The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study

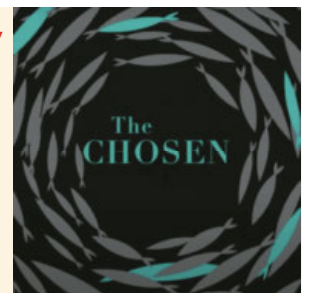
Mondays beginning October 9, 2023

7:00 to 9:00 pm | de Sousa House Theater

“The Chosen” centers on Jesus and the different people who met and followed or otherwise interacted with Him.

Join Dn. Steve and Annette Lewellyn in reflection and study on the life of Jesus as portrayed in the groundbreaking series.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and de Sousa House. Purchase the study guide for Season 1 through [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com). For more info, contact us at info@holyspiritfremont.org.



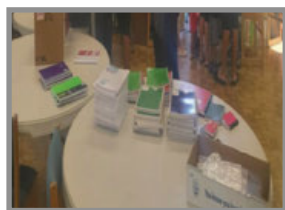
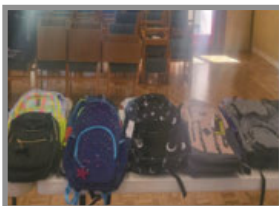
AROUND THE PARISH



St. Vincent de Paul: With Grateful Hearts

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners,

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul ministry and the neighbors we serve, we would like to THANK the families of



Holy Spirit Church for your generous gift of backpacks and monetary donations.

We were able to help 60 children with backpacks, school supplies, and gift cards valued at \$50.00 to Walmart and Target.

Please keep these children in your prayers to have a good academic year. Blessings.

Catholic Coffee Fundraiser Support Our Seminarians of the Oakland Diocese

Purchase your favorite coffee—for a great cause! Proceeds go towards our seminarians' educational expenses at St. Patrick's Seminary & University. Complete and submit the form below with payment.

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Saturdays
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sundays
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Sundays
8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Parish Library

Sundays
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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St. Valentine Raspberry White Mocha					
St. Patrick Irish Cream					
St. Therese of Lisieux Light Roast					
St. Peter Parish Medium Roast					
St. Michael Dark Roast					
St. Joan of Arc French Blend					
All Saints Variety Pack K-Cups-Set of 12					
St. John Paul II Peruvian Dark Roast					
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Salted Caramel					
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